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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM : Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT : Encomium for the BBC Monitoring Service

1. Action Requested: That you forward to the Secretary of State a draft letter of appreciation on the 40th anniversary of the BBC Monitoring Service, for transmittal to the British Foreign Secretary.

2. Background: The BBC Monitoring Service will observe its 40th anniversary in August 1979. The BBC Monitoring Service and FBIS have had a close working partnership since 1942. Today they share broadcast monitoring worldwide and freely exchange the monitored information. The BBC contributes about 30 percent of the FBIS daily file, at a saving to the USG of about \$5 million annually. The BBC Monitoring Service depends for funds on a British Treasury grant-in-aid. The recommended high-level recognition of the BBC Monitoring Service by the U.S. Government may assist in maintaining the balance of the FBIS/BBC partnership.

3. Recommendation: That you sign the attached letter to the Secretary of State, requesting him to sign the proposed letter to Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, which is attached in draft.



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Director
Foreign Broadcast Information Service

Attachments:

1. Letter to Secretary of State
2. Proposed letter to Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington

APPROVED: *ES/Koars* *reunite letter to S/State w/ his signature*
Director of Central Intelligence

DISAPPROVED:
Director of Central Intelligence

Date: _____